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(Case No. 00-388-A)

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In the Application of:

Nolan *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/851,743

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: Methods for Testing Compounds Useful  
In Treating Diabetic Complications

Before the Examiner:  
S. J. Sharareh

Group Art Unit: 1617

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION  
MAILED JUNE 10, 2003

Commissioner of Patents  
Mail Stop AF  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22231-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of their Response to the Official Action, mailed June 10, 2003. Applicants' response was previously submitted on 10 September 2003 by first class mail with sufficient postage to be delivered to the Patent and Trademark Office.

However, it appears that there was a typographical error in the ZIP Code for the PTO (reading 22213 instead of 22313), and the U.S. Postal Service was unable to determine the correct address for delivery (despite the fact that the addressee, the P.O. Box, the city and state were all correctly identified on the envelope; Applicants have enclosed the envelope herein.)

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the amendments and remarks contained in the aforementioned Response. Applicants respectfully contend that their submission was timely, and that a Petition for Extension of

Time is not required. Should the PTO decide to the contrary, Applicants respectfully request that the Office treat their submission as a Petition for Extension of Time, and by the signature of the undersigned authorize the PTO to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of any required fee.

If the Examiner believes it to be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: September 26, 2003